Telehealth Work Group Minutes

In person participants:

Mary McGinnis	Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT)
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Participants via phone:

Glenn Groesch	Southern Illinois University (SIU)
Josh Sarver	SIU
Nancy Kaszak	University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Center for Telehealth
Emily Brigell	UIC College of Nursing
Pat Schou	ICAHN
Sandy Anton	Telligen
Kathy Webster	Loyola University Medical Center

Introductions and Roll Call
Glenn Groesch of Southern Illinois University (SIU) started the meeting at 10AM Central Time and took roll call.

HIE Update

Mary McGinnis of the Office of Health Information Technology gave the Work Group an update on the Illinois Health Information Exchange (ILHIE). OHIT is spending much time marketing Direct secure messaging to increase usage.

 The first alpha partner to test the MPI and infrastructure of the ILHIE will be the Alliance of Chicago and their Near North location has been chosen to be the first entity to test in the Alliance organization. Northwestern will be the other alpha partner, and because of their size and complexity, it is taking longer to get them onboard.

Also a group of six small and rural hospitals have been identified through Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN), Illinois Rural Health Net, and Illinois Hospital Association (IHA)has been identified to work with CPSI (EHR vendor) to test technology and to interface with CPSI and the ILHIE.

Ms. McGinnis told the group of the upcoming White Space Grants opportunity which is to connect providers in areas where there is little or no connectivity.

Telehealth Survey

Glenn Groesch Southern Illinois University (SIU), told the group about ongoing work that he and Lori Williams from IHA have done to conduct a State wide Telehealth survey which will be used in developing a telemedicine program. Glenn asked the group to please contribute any information that they have on telemedicine programs going on throughout the state.

A survey tool has not been developed yet.

Kathy Webster and Pat Schou volunteered to work on the survey with Glenn.

Telehealth Symposium Report

Nancy Kaszak University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) told the group about the upcoming Telehealth Symposium. The Symposium will be in March 6th 2013 and Nina Antoniotti, Director of Telehealth at the Marshfield Clinic will be the keynote speaker. Don Hilti a psychiatrist at UC Davis who has a specialty in rural Telehealth might be speaking as well. As things evolve in the planning of this event Ms. Kaszak will update the group.

Open Discussion

The group discussed various instances of psychiatric patients arriving at emergency rooms, and how Telepsychiatry would improve patient care in these instances.

Glenn Groesch shared information with the group about a Telemedicine elective being done at SIU with fourth year students and Dr. Bennett will be doing a "mock Telepsyche" clinic with standardized patients.

Mary McGinnis mentioned a study that is being funded at Stroger Hospital to address and serve psychiatric patients at the emergency room using Telemedicine. She will send out additional information to the group.

Nancy Kaszak told the group that MCHC and the University of Illinois are doing a pilot for the use of Telepsychiatry at a Critical Access Hospital. They wanted to do this pilot and come up with a business model to be marketed to other hospitals to show how they could use Telepsychiatry to serve patients.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Meeting

October 2, 2012 10-11AM

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned.